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Dear Frank,

When you told me, recently, to let you know if you could help in some way, I did not expect to have to take advantage of your offer. However, a recent incident occurred which, I believe, should be brought to your attention.

In preparation for my June assignment to [] as DCOS, I am attending the Advanced Intelligence Seminar. It is an excellent course, which presents speakers who address current international and domestic issues in a unique, comprehensive way. The Office of Training, at the beginning of the seminar, stated that our wives could attend the unclassified lectures, as there was room.

Since my wife Joyce has been instrumental in my developmental and representational efforts abroad, I arranged for her to attend. At the last minute, I was informed that she would not be allowed to come. The reasons given encompassed security (spurious, since Joyce has better clearances than the speakers she was scheduled to listen to), and "administrative difficulties" (which seemed to boil down to the fact that the DDA does not believe that spouses are worth training). I was told that the decision had been made by the office of the DDA, and that it was final.

I feel that my wife has been done an injustice, and that information that she needed to assist me in my professional capacity has been denied her. It is too late for my wife to be helped by a change in DDA policy, but I believe that the Advanced Intelligence Seminar, on a selective need basis (similar to that applied to the staff officers who are picked) should be opened to wives. "Security and bureaucracy" should not dominate, nor should there be, in this day and age, discrimination against spouses who play an essential role in our foreign operations.

I have not discussed this with anyone else save Omega Ware, who agreed that it was a matter for you to address. I apologize for taking your time with this, and I hope that you can do something.